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FOR NAC AGENCIES

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1. GPNG OFFICIALS HAVE NOW APPROACHED EMBASSY CONCERNING OUR
OBJECTIONS TO GPNG'S TENDERING PROCEDURES. WE EXPLAINED THAT OUR
MAJOR OBJECTION WAS THAT PNG HAD NOT FOLLOWED APPROPRIATE NOTIFICATIO
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PROCEDURES IN THE PAST AND THAT WE WISH TO INSURE THAT EMBASSY WOULD
BE NOTIFIED OF FORTHCOMING PROJECTS IN THE FUTURE.

2. THE EMBASSY IS STILL NOT HAPPY WITH WAIVING THE REQUIREMENT
FOR INTERNATIONAL BIDDING. WE HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO THE PRESENT
HIGHLANDS ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BUT WOULD PREFER THAT THE
PROCEDURE REVERT TO STANDARD INTERNATIONAL BIDDING PRACTICES IN
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THE FUTURE. WHILE PRIOR REGISTRATION IS NOT PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT,
IT DOES PRESENT AN UNNECESSARY BURDEN ON U.S. FIRMS. THE EMBASSY
WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTIONS IF U.S. FIRMS WERE REQUIRED TO REGISTER
AFTER THEY HAVE SUCCESSFULLY BID ON A TENDER. THE EMBASSY'S
MAIN CONCERN, HOWEVER, IS THAT GPNG PROCEDURES ARE STILL CONFUSED
AND NO MECHANISM EXISTS TO INSURE COMPLIANCE WITH ADB REGULATIONS.
WE BELIEVE THE ADB SHOULD CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE GPNG TO IMPROVE

THESE PROCEDURES.

3. ECONOMIC OFFICER MAYBARDUK WILL BE PASSING THROUGH MANILA
ON HIS WAY TO THE ECONOMIC OFFICERS EAST ASIAN MEETING IN
SINGAPORE. HE WILL BE IN MANILA ON THE 23RD AND 24TH OF
FEBRUARY AND WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH U.S. ADB OFFICIAL TO
DISCUSS THIS PROBLEM AND THE ADB'S ROLE IN PNG AND THE EMBASSY'S
ABILITY TO ASSIST ITS ACTIVITIES. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE
SUCH MEETINGS?
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